

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HURLOCK

## MINUTES

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JULY 11, 2011

The Mayor and Council of Hurlock met at the Town Hall on Monday, July 11, 2011 with Mayor Joyce Spratt, and Council Members Charles Cephas, Michael Nordstrom, Michael Henry, Parker Durham, Christopher Adams, Town Attorney Hugh Carter Vinson. Clerk/Treasurer Kathleen Clough was not present.

Mayor Spratt called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and an Invocation by Father Paul. Mayor Spratt asked for a Moment of Silence to reflect on the passing of Mr. Don Brown, a member of the Hurlock Volunteer Fire Company. The mayor remembered Mr. brown as a person who had the biggest heart of anyone she knows.

Mayor Spratt also asked those present to remember Murph's brother who also passed away.

Mayor Spratt asked that the Council switch number 7 and number 6 on the Agenda.

UPON MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER Durham AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER Nordstrom, the Agenda was approved.

UPON MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER Durham AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER Henry, the agenda was approved.

Town Attorney Hugh Carter Vinson explained that there have been many requests for different reasons and items. He emphasized that the Mayor and Council will not, and shall not, discuss anything remotely to do with any litigation, either in public or private, according to instructions from the Town's insurance representatives.

UPON MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER Nordstrom AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER Henry, the Council approved a Traders License for Schwann's Home Service.

Council Member Henry addressed the Mayor, Council and Public and read his letter of resignation from the Council, effective immediately.

Chief Les Hutton announced that Mr. Henry, an FBI Academy Graduate with many years of police experience, was joining the Hurlock Police Department as his Deputy Chief, filling the vacant spot of Captain.

Mayor Spratt administered the Oath of Office to Captain Michael Henry.

Council President Cephas requested the Council not to replace Mr. Henry until the next election. Counsel Vinson brought the Charter to the attention of the Mayor and Council, which requires the Council to fill the seat by appointment.

UPON MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER Cephas AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER Nordstrom, the Council voted to wait until the election and put the seat for District One on the ballot.

County Council Representative Rick Price advised that the County Council has changed its meeting schedule to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Council President Cephas requested that his agenda items be removed until the full Council is present.

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Council Member Adams wanted to say that the people of Hurlock should be proud of their Town and we are moving forward, and try to motivate our children to stay here and become entrepreneurs and create jobs for themselves, such as a local trash pick-up business.

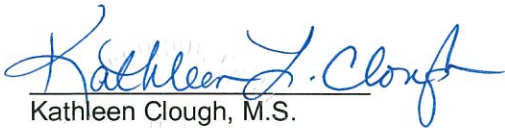
For the record, there was no new business brought before the Council.

Monroe Quailes withdrew his agenda request.

Council President Cephas made a statement regarding why he chose not to sign the budget and issues about the Hurlock Volunteer Fire Company. He compared it to the Salisbury Fire Department and said that he doesn't know why we can't have paid volunteers.

UPON MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER Nordstrom AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER Durham, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen L. Clough, M.S.  
Clerk-Treasurer